

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1 and 3-6, drawn to a method for the cooling of disinfected items; and

Group II, claims 7-10, drawn to a device.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1 and 3-6.

Reasons for Traversal of Restriction Requirement

Applicant notes that claim 7 requires all of the limitations of claim 6 (which depends alternatively from one of claims 1, 3, 4 and 5) and that claims 8-10 require all of the limitations of claim 7. Obviously, a search for prior art bearing on the patentability of claims 7-10 would entail a search for prior art bearing on the patentability of claims 1 and 3-6. Also a consideration of the patentability of claims 7-10 could not be carried out without consideration of the patentability of claims 1 and 3-6. Applicant therefore submits that an examination of both groups of claims in this application would make optimum use of resources available to the Examiner and would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. Applicant therefore requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

If unresolved matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Frederick R. Handren, Reg. No. 32,874, at the telephone number provided below, so that these matters can be addressed and resolved expeditiously.

☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

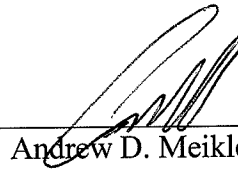
☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

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